

## **GOV. GUINN APPOINTS SAM THOMPSON TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AUTHORITY**

**CARSON CITY** -- Gov. Kenny Guinn today announced the appointment of Las Vegas resident Samuel "Sam" A. Thompson to the Transportation Services Authority. Thompson, 57, will fill the seat of Kimberly Maxson-Rushton of Las Vegas whom Guinn appointed to chair the TSA, which licenses and regulates limousines, buses, tow companies, and intrastate movers of household goods throughout Nevada, as well as taxicabs outside of Clark County.

"I'm honored by the trust imposed on me by Governor Guinn. I've spent most of my life in public service, and I'm very excited to be a part of Nevada state government," Thompson said.

Thomson received his B.A. in English from the University of Memphis and his J. D. from the Humphrey School of Law in Memphis. He was elected to an 8-year term in Division VI of the Shelby County General Sessions Court in Memphis. He retired after serving 25 years with Shelby County government where he also served as a juvenile court judicial referee, correctional facility administrator and deputy sheriff.

Thompson currently works as an arbitrator/mediator panelist for JAMS: The Resolution Experts in Las Vegas. In February 2005, Governor Guinn appointed Judge Thompson to the Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices.

Thompson has held memberships and offices in numerous organizations including the Clark County and the American Bar Associations. He was also appointed by the governor of Tennessee to the State Advisory Committee on Corrections and Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance.

Thompson will begin his appointment Jan. 2, 2006, with a salary of \$97,103.